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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, JA
SUBJECT: MIKI ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO RESIGN

1. PRIMIN MIKI INFORMED LDP EXECUTIVES AND CABINET
DECEMBER 17 OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN PARTY PRESIDENCY
AND PRIME MINISTERSHIP AND PRESENTED HIS PROPOSALS
FOR PARTY REFORM AND RECONSTRUCTION (TOKYO 18058).
HE WILL RESIGN PRESIDENCY WHEN LDP HAS SETTLED ON
SUCCESSOR; ENTIRE CABINET MUST RESIGN WHEN EXTRAORDINARY
DIET OPENS.

2. ALL MAJOR AND MINOR LDP FACTIONS, EXCEPT MIKI'S
OWN, HAVE NOW ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO SUPPORT FUKUDA
AS MIKI SUCCESSOR TO PARTY PRESIDENCY AT DIET MEMBERS'
CAUCUS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 23. MIKI FACTION LEADERS
ARE RESIGNED TO FUKUDA SUCCESSION BUT THERE REMAINS
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SOME TALK AMONG YOUNGER LDP DIETMEN OF OPPOSITION TO
FUKUDA AND DEMANDS AMONG SAME GROUPS FOR ELECTION
OF PARTY PRESIDENT THROUGH BALLOTING. IT IS ALL
BUT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT FUKUDA WILL BE ELECTED PARTY
PRESIDENT BY CAUCUS ACTING AS INTERIM BODY,
PENDING LDP CONVENTION IN JANUARY, AND THAT HE WILL ALSO BE

NOMINATED AS LDP CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER
THUS ASSURING
HIS ELECTION DIET AT OPENING OF EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION DECEMBER 24.

3. COMMENT. LDP LEADERSHIP HAS EXERTED EXTRAORDINARY
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RELATIVELY FRICTIONLESS TRANSFER OF
POWER IN ORDER TO PRESENT IMAGE OF UNITY IN WAKE OF
ELECTION SETBACK.
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